

It would be a wise idea, in light of problems experienced on bands like 160 meters, to include a narrow-mode segment in any new frequency allocation. As an example, a recent proposed rule-making for a narrow-mode area on 160 meters had overwhelming support, despite the ARRL's reluctance to address this issue.

While the ARRL is generally in touch with the pulse of the amateur community, they fail miserably when the subject of internal band segmentation arises. Hopefully the commissioners will exercise better judgement, and set aside at least 30% of the new band for exclusive narrow-mode useage.

Sincerely,
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